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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
O. YUKI, ET AL.) : Examiner: Kelly L. Jerabek
Application No.: 09/655,862) : Group Art Unit: 2612
Filed: September 6, 2000) :
For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS) August 14, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

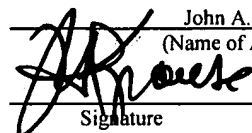
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 13, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows prior to the further examination of the application pursuant to the Request for Continued Examination which is being filed herewith.

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